

Protect Your Tires When Exiting the Post

Wiesbaden Claims Office

There has been an increase in reports of tires allegedly punctured by the tire shredders or “tiger teeth” that many installations have installed for force protection purposes. Essentially a traffic control device, these devices are designed to shred and instantly deflate the tires of cars going the wrong direction. The teeth point away from the intended direction of travel and are designed to retract into the ground if crossed in the intended direction. These devices can be safely crossed if the driver obeys the posted warning and speed limit signs, proceeds straight ahead and does not back up or turn the wheel. In many, if not all, of the instances of punctured tires, the driver was attempting to drive to one side of the shredder to keep at least one tire from crossing the shredder. This causes the tire to first contact the teeth or tines on the pointed end, resulting in the tire being punctured. The teeth on these devices are safely lowered by the weight of the tire *provided* the tire crosses perpendicular to the shredder. More information may be available from your local Military Police Station or the Wiesbaden Claims Office.